

ROB ANDERSON KC

YEAR OF CALL: 1999 | YEAR OF SILK: 2015

Rob is an experienced and versatile trial and appellate advocate. He provides advice in relation to a wide range of commercial matters, with defamation, insurance and professional negligence, property law, land valuation and compulsory acquisition, and insolvency as areas of particular focus.

His expertise in defamation law and associated areas of media law extends from pre-publication advice to litigation, and includes experience in applications concerning urgent injunctive relief, suppression orders, the operation of the Shield Laws, the implied Constitutional freedom of speech, trials (including before a jury) and appeals. He acts for plaintiffs and defendants (often media defendants) and frequently appears in proceedings in New South Wales and Western Australia, as well as in Queensland.

Further, Rob has acted for sports governing bodies, athletes, clubs and other entities in a wide range of sports related matters, including relating to funding, governance, media concerns, other commercial matters and disciplinary issues.

He has appeared in the High Court and in the trial and appellate divisions of the Federal Court and the Supreme Courts of Queensland, Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria.

In addition to his busy litigation practice, Rob is an experienced mediator. He has mediated a wide range of commercial disputes.

Rob is an Interstate Member of Francis Burt Chambers in Perth.

AREAS OF PRACTICE

Appellate, Arbitration, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests, Insurance, Intellectual Property, Judicial Review & Administrative, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Sport.

CASES

LEVEL

TWENTY
SEVEN

CHAMBERS



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Queensland Racing Integrity Commission v Endresz; Racing Queensland Board v Endresz[2024] QCA 76
May 2024, Judicial Review & Administrative

Aurizon Property Pty Ltd v The Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads[2023] QLAC 1
December 2023, Land Law & Property

Lehrmann v Queensland Police Service & Ors[2023] QSC 238
October 2023, Judicial Review & Administrative

Allied Rural Pty Ltd v Stimpson [2023] QCA 77
April 2023, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy

Pavlovic & Anor v Karzon [2023] QCA 37
March 2023, Media & Defamation

Tsang v Harle [2023] QCA 32
March 2023, Media & Defamation

Usher v Palmer [2023] QDC 003
January 2023, Media & Defamation

Arch Underwriting at Lloyd's Ltd on behalf of Syndicate 2012 & Ors v EP Financial Services Pty Ltd
[2022] QCA 229
November 2022, Insurance

Zelcliff Pty Ltd v Container Exchange (Qld) Ltd[2022] QSC 239
October 2022, Contract

Karzon v Pavlovic & Anor [2022] QDC 187
August 2022, Media & Defamation

Cannon Hill Investments Pty Ltd and Australian Country Choice Production Pty Ltd v Brisbane City Council & Anor; Wilmar Trading (Australia) Pty Ltd v Brisbane City Council & Anor[2022] QPEC 16
June 2022, Planning & Environment

Desbois v Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads; Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads v Desbois[2022] QLAC 1
May 2022, Land Law & Property

Surfers Beachfront Protection Association Inc. (IA 39544) v Council of the City of Gold Coast & Anor (No 2) [2022] QPEC 3
January 2022, Planning & Environment

Newcombe v O'Connor & O'Connor[2022] QDC 19
January 2022, Media & Defamation

Desbois v Chief Executive, Department of Transport and Main Roads[2021] QLC 43

December 2021, Land Law & Property

Morgan & Griffin Pty Ltd v CB (Qld) Pty Ltd & Anor[2021] QPEC 70

December 2021, Planning & Environment

Mizikovsky v Berkley & Ors [2021] QSC 294

November 2021, Media & Defamation

Surfers Beachfront Protection Association Inc. (IA 39544) v Council of the City of Gold Coast & Anor
[2021] QPEC 73

November 2021, Planning & Environment

Gavin & Anor v Sunshine Coast Regional Council[2021] QCA 217

October 2021, Planning & Environment

Baluskas & Anor v Brose[2021] QCA 251

June 2021, Media & Defamation

Traspunt No. 14 Pty Ltd v Moreton Bay Regional Council[2021] QPEC 4

March 2021, Planning & Environment

Lee & Ors v Sheen & Anor[2021] QDC 18

February 2021, Media & Defamation

Sunshine Coast Regional Council v Gavin & Anor[2020] QPEC 63

December 2020, Planning & Environment

Ahrens v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission[2020] QCAT

September 2020, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Brisbane City Child Care Pty Ltd v Kadell & Anor[2020] QCA 181

September 2020, Contract

F v Crime and Corruption Commission[2020] QSC 245

August 2020, Human Rights & Discrimination, Media & Defamation

Brose v Arnold[2020] QCA 162

August 2020, Media & Defamation

GM Homes (Australia) Pty Ltd & Anor v Australian Securities and Investments Commission[2020] QSC
149

June 2020, Media & Defamation

Brose v Baluskas & Ors (No 8)[2020] QDC 98

May 2020, Media & Defamation

Harbour Radio Pty Limited & Ors v Wagner & Ors[2020] QCA 83

April 2020, Media & Defamation

Paradise Dam Commission of Inquiry

April 2020, Building & Construction, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Queensland Building and Construction Commission & Ors v Ezra Constructions Pty Ltd & Ors[2019] QCA 304

December 2019, Corporations

Mulvey v Brisbane Roar Football Club Pty Ltd[2019] QDC 239

November 2019, Employment & Industrial, Contract

Wagner & Ors v Nine Network Australia & Ors[2019] QSC 301

November 2019, Media & Defamation

Greystone Distributions (Qld & NSW) Pty Ltd as trustee for BR & SK Maidment Trust & Ors v Rostron Carlyle Solicitors & Anor[2019] QDC 227

November 2019, Professional Negligence

Harbour Radio Pty Limited & Ors v Wagner & Ors[2019] QCA 221

October 2019, Appellate, Media & Defamation

ISPT Pty Ltd v Valuer-General (No 3)[2019] QLC 40

October 2019, Land Law & Property

AB v CD [no 2][2019] WASC 301

August 2019, Media & Defamation

Graham v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission[2018] QCAT

July 2019, Professional Discipline & Regulatory

Wagner & Ors v Nine Network Australia & Ors[2019] QSC 61

March 2019, Media & Defamation

Clarke v Larard[2018] QDC 247

December 2018, Media & Defamation

Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd v Sheppard[2018] QSC 249

November 2018, Media & Defamation

Jones v Aussie Networks Pty Ltd[2018] QSC 219

October 2018, Media & Defamation

Valuer-General v Suncorp Metway Insurance Pty Limited[2018] QLAC 6

September 2018, Appellate

Wagner v Harbour Radio Pty Ltd[2018] QSC 201

September 2018, Media & Defamation

Wagner v Harbour Radio Pty Ltd [2018] QSC 201

September 2018, Media & Defamation

Scott v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (No 2)[2018] QCAT 301

September 2018, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Sport

Palmer v Turnbull [2018] QCA 112

June 2018, Media & Defamation

IW & CA Price Constructions Pty Ltd v Australian Building Insurance Services Pty Ltd & Anor [2018] QCA 76

April 2018, Contract, Appellate

Springsure Creek Coal Pty Ltd v Arcturus Downs Ltd[2018] QLC 8

April 2018, Land Law & Property, Resources & Energy

ISPT Pty Ltd v Valuer-General; ISPT Custodians Pty Ltd v Valuer-General[2018] QLC 6

March 2018, Land Law & Property

IW & CA Price Constructions Pty Ltd v Australian Building Insurance Services Pty Ltd[2017] QCA 313

December 2017, Appellate, Contract

Wagner v Nine Network Australia Pty Ltd[2017] QCA 261

November 2017, Media & Defamation

Wagner v Harbour Radio Pty Ltd[2017] QSC 222

October 2017, Media & Defamation

Suncorp Metway Insurance Pty Ltd v Valuer-General (No.2)[2017] QLC 46

August 2017, Land Law & Property

Cleret v Sunshine Coast Regional Council[2017] QCA 163

August 2017, Appellate, Land Law & Property, Professional Negligence

Hooper v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission[2017] QCAT

July 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Sport

Rogers-Falk v Gurney [2017] QDC 131

May 2017, Commercial Equity, Land Law & Property

Hooks Enterprises Pty Ltd v Sonnenberg Pty Ltd[2017] QSC 69

May 2017, Contract, Competition & Consumer

Nationwide News Pty Ltd v Weatherup [2017] QCA 70

April 2017, Media & Defamation

Graham v Queensland Racing Integrity Commission [2017] QCAT

April 2017, Judicial Review & Administrative, Professional Discipline & Regulatory, Sport

SEQ Homemaker 1 Pty Ltd v SPAR Corporate Pty Ltd [2017] QDC 46

March 2017, Contract, Land Law & Property

SDW2 Pty Ltd v JLF Corporation Pty Ltd [2017] QSC 1

February 2017, Commercial Equity, Contract

Smith v Luch [2016] QCA 267

October 2016, Appellate, Media & Defamation

Cleret v Sunshine Coast Regional Council [2016] QSC 208

September 2016, Land Law & Property, Competition & Consumer

Wagner v Nine Network Australia [2016] QSC 198

September 2016, Media & Defamation

Jannard v Dalituicama [2016] QDC 216

August 2016, Media & Defamation

Baboolal v Fairfax Digital Australia and New Zealand Pty Ltd [2016] QSC 175

August 2016, Media & Defamation

Dupois v Queensland Television Ltd [2016] QCA 182

June 2016, Appellate, Media & Defamation

Tonge v Living Gems Pty Ltd [2016] QSC 102

May 2016, Contract, Land Law & Property

Wagner v Nine Network Australia [2016] QSC 87

April 2016, Media & Defamation

Davan Developments Pty Ltd v HLB Mann Judd (SE Qld) Pty Ltd [2016] QCA 90

April 2016, Commercial Equity, Contract, Land Law & Property, Professional Negligence, Tax

Bestjet Travel Pty Ltd v The Australian Federation of Travel Agents [2016] QSC 81

April 2016, Contract, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer

Giani v Queensland Television Ltd [2015] QDC 286

November 2015, Media & Defamation

Beynon v Manthey [2015] QDC 252
September 2015, Media & Defamation

Cupo v Anderssen Lawyers [2015] QSC 202
August 2015, Professional Negligence

Devery's Pharmacy Services Pty Ltd t/a Westcourt Plaza Pharmacy v Direct Factory Outlets Cairns Pty Ltd [2015] QCAT 275
July 2015, Land Law & Property

Ligon Sixty-Three Pty Ltd v ClarkeKann [2015] QSC 153
June 2015, Land Law & Property

Williams v Queensland Building and Construction Commission [2015] QCAT 42
February 2015, Building & Construction

Endocoal Limited v Glencore Coal Queensland Pty Ltd and Department of Environment and Heritage Protection [2014] QLC 54
December 2014, Planning & Environment, Resources & Energy

Pacific Seaboard Transport and Finance Corporation Pty Ltd v Thynne [2014] QSC 294
December 2014, Contract

Queensland Building and Construction Commission v Arthurs [2014] QCA 307
November 2014, Building & Construction, Appellate

Queensland Building and Construction Commission v Watkins [2014] QCA 172
July 2014, Building & Construction, Appellate

Rayney v Pan MacMillan Australia Pty Ltd [2014] WASC 129
April 2014, Media & Defamation

Bunnings Group Ltd v Asden Developments Pty Ltd & Ors [2013] QCA 347
November 2013, Land Law & Property, Appellate

Modi and Clements v SDW Projects Pty Ltd and Ors [2013] QCA 221
August 2013, Land Law & Property, Professional Negligence, Appellate

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd v Hancock [2013] WASC 290
August 2013, Media & Defamation

Cornerstone Properties Pty Ltd v Crisp-Air Ltd [2013] QDC 147
July 2013, Land Law & Property

Roberts v Prendergast [2013] QCA 47
March 2013, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Putland v Nowak [2012] QCA 121

May 2012, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Stewart v White (2011) 284 ALR 432; [2011] QCA 291

October 2011, Professional Negligence, Appellate

Mullins v Kelly-Corbett [2010] QCA 354 (Special leave refused) [2011] HCATrans 123

May 2011, Contract

Donovan v TIC Realty Pty Ltd [2011] QCA 90

May 2011, Contract, Appellate

Ross v Hallam [2011] QCA 92

May 2011, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Nationwide News Pty Ltd v A Medical Practitioner [2011] WASCA 152

February 2011, Media & Defamation, Appellate

Pingel v Toowoomba Newspapers Pty Ltd [2010] QCA 175

July 2010, Appellate, Media & Defamation

ING Management Limited (as responsible entity) v Department of Natural Resources and Water [2009] QLC 0094

July 2009, Land Law & Property

GPT RE Limited (as responsible entity) and Anor v Department of Natural Resources and Water [2009] QLC 78

June 2009, Land Law & Property

Keramianakis v Regional Publishers Pty Ltd (2009) 237 CLR 268

April 2009, Media & Defamation

RJ Neller Building Pty Ltd v Ainsworth [2009] 1 Qd R 390

December 2008, Building & Construction, Contract

Equine Influenza Inquiry 2007/2008

April 2008, Inquiries & Coronial Inquests

Erglis v Buckley [2006] 2 Qd R 407

November 2005, Media & Defamation

Favell v Queensland Newspapers (2005) 79 ALJR 1716

September 2005, Media & Defamation

RECOMMENDATIONS

Australian Financial Review's Best Lawyers

- 2024 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation. Brisbane's 'Lawyer of the Year' for Defamation and Media Law.
- 2024 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.
- 2023 – Listed as Brisbane's Defamation & Media 'Lawyer of the Year'.
- 2023 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.
- 2019 & 2022 – Listed for Alternative Dispute Resolution, Defamation & Media Law and Litigation.

Doyle's Guide to the Australian Legal Profession

- 2022 – Recommended as a leading Queensland Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution barrister.
- 2021 – Recommended as a leading Australian IP & TMT barrister.
- 2020 – Recommended as a leading Australian IP & TMT barrister.
- 2020 – Recommended as a leading Queensland Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution barrister.
- 2019 – Recommended as a leading Queensland Commercial Litigation & Dispute Resolution barrister.
- 2018 – Recommended as a leading Australian IP & TMT barrister practising in intellectual property, defamation, technology, media, and telecommunications matters.
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Legal 500

- 2024
- 2023 – "...a calm and deeply considered advocate, who goes about his craft in a disarming, effective and efficient way".
- 2022 – Listed as a Leading Silk for TMT and IP.

APPOINTMENTS

2021 Law Council of Australia Defamation Group - Chair

MEMBER

Member, Bar Association of Queensland

Member, Bar Association of New South Wales

CAREER

2015 *Queen's Counsel*

2007 *Counsel Assisting the Commonwealth Government Inquiry into Equine Influenza*

2001 *Member of the Bar Council*

1999 *Barrister*

1998 *Associate to his Honour Justice Callinan*

EDUCATION

LLB

B.Sc (Arch)

AWARDS

1999 *James Archibald Douglas Prize for Best Reader, Bar Practice Course*

PUBLICATIONS

Defamation Law Reigned In? Defamation Overview & Key Considerations for the Insurance Industry

June 2021, Insurance, Media & Defamation

Pressing Issues in Valuation and Compulsory Acquisition

March 2021, Planning & Environment

Damages in unusual circumstances: special loss arising from a defamation, damages for disappointment and distress and the (un)availability of loss of dependency damages for statutory claims

August 2020, Contract

Contracts & Coronavirus: Pathology & Prognosis of Frustration and Force Majeure Claims on Sporting and Cultural Events

April 2020, Contract

Notes for a Scandal: is it worthwhile & how to justify what is said in defamation cases

March 2019, Media & Defamation

All cards face up: practical and ethical considerations when applying for ex parte relief

February 2019, Banking, Building & Construction, Commercial Equity, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporate Insolvency & Bankruptcy, Corporations, Employment & Industrial, Insurance, Intellectual Property, International, Land Law & Property, Media & Defamation, Planning & Environment, Professional Negligence, Resources & Energy, Succession

The Fortune Cookie: chasing ambulances in the digital age

November 2018, Insurance

The Fortune Cookie: chasing ambulances in the digital age

November 2018, Competition & Consumer, Contract, Corporations, Media & Defamation

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